

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2994 – SB 2893

March 20, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014133): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Education (DOE), to establish a four-year pilot program in the school system with the most schools in the Achievement School District (ASD). The pilot program shall begin with the 2012-2013 school year and shall be limited to schools operated by the ASD that serves grades kindergarten through three (K-3) or any combination thereof. Requires the Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) to study the pilot program in the second year of its implementation and make recommendations to the DOE as to changes and improvements. OREA shall also make a report on whether the program should expand and be continued at the end of the four year period. OREA shall make this report to the DOE and the Education Committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2016.

Defines "parent" as a parent whose parental rights have not been terminated or a person appointed by a court to make decisions regarding the support, care, education, health, or welfare of a child. Specifies that a parent does not include a guardian ad-litem or the state.

Requires that any current information packets, forms, videos, or other means used to share information with a parent by the school in the ASD that is in the pilot program will include the expectations of parents concerning their responses to requests for meetings and communication from the school or teachers; expectations of parents concerning their student's academic work, nightly checks of homework completion and preparation for tests, early preparation of assigned school projects, signatures on required forms, and checks of the content of their student's backpacks; expectations concerning their student's physical preparation for school including providing adequate sleep, school supplies, meals, and immunizations; and expectations of parents concerning their children's school attendance.

Requires schools in the pilot project to issue parents of students in grades kindergarten through three blank involvement report cards when students are issued their report cards. Requires parents to self-evaluate their involvement in their student's education and assign themselves a score of excellent, satisfactory, needs improvement, or unsatisfactory on each of the following: their response to requests by the school or teachers for meetings or communication; their efforts to ensure that their student completed work assignments, was prepared for tests, and was otherwise academically prepared; their efforts in ensuring that their student's physical preparation was adequate; their efforts in making sure that their student was on time for school and was absent only if excused. The parent report card shall also contain space for the parent to note other efforts by the parent to be involved in their student's education and to state how the parent will address areas in which the parent needs improvement. Requires the ASD and schools within the ASD to create appropriate incentives to encourage parents to self-evaluate and return the parent involvement report card to the schools.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$285,300/FY12-13
Exceeds \$858,200/FY13-14
Exceeds \$1,663,300/FY14-15 and Subsequent
Fiscal Years

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:


NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Any increase in state expenditures to disseminate and collect parental involvement report cards will be not significant and will be done within existing resources without an increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.
- The DOE cannot determine if there will be any increase in state expenditures as a result of incentivizing parents to return parental cards; therefore, any fiscal impact cannot reasonably be quantified. It is assumed that the DOE will put parental incentives in place that will not significantly increase state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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